

Remarks

Following the amendments above, claims 1-20 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112 due to lack of antecedent basis for various claim elements.

A. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-9 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner specifically rejected claim 1 as merely reciting software per se. (Office Action, p.2) Applicant has amended independent claim 1 such that it does not recite software per se, specifically including the suggested limitation that the instructions and address masking driver are stored on a computer readable medium. Applicant contends that independent claim 1 and claims 2-9, which depend from it, are now directed to statutory subject matter and requests that these claims be allowed.

B. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 16, and 17 due to lack of antecedent basis. Applicant has carefully corrected the lack of antecedent basis for each of these claims. Applicant believes that claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 16, and 17 now have proper antecedent basis for the claim limitations, and Applicant requests that these claims be allowed

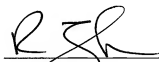
C. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 18-20. The Examiner previously stated that claims 10-17 were allowable. Because the Examiner did not reject claims 10, 14, and 15 in this Office Action, Applicant assumes that these claims remain allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-20 of the present invention are allowable and should be passed to issuance.

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